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TAGS: EIND, PFOR, PORG, GW,

SUBJ: FRG FIRMS IMPORT NAMIBIAN BABY FUR SEAL

REF: STATE 26489

1. ECONMINISTRY CONFIRMS, AFTER CONTACT WITH WEST GERMAN TRADE, THAT LOCAL COMPANIES IMPORT NAMIBIAN BABY FUR SEALS. MARKET DEMAND FOR THESE PELTS CURRENTLY LOW, HENCE IMPORTED QUANTITIES ARE SMALLER THAN IN RECENT PAST. FRG HAS NOT RESTRICTED SUCH IMPORTS, AND HAS NO INTENTION OF DOING SO.

2. FONMINISTRY REP (VON ROTHENBURG, LEGAL SECTION) PROMISES GIVE US WRITTEN REPLY TO QUESTION 2 (REF) NEXT WEEK. HIS INFORMAL REACTION TO OUR QUERY IS THAT FRG REGARDS SOUTH AFRICAN EXERCISE OF POWER IN NAMIBIA AS ILLEGAL UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW, BUT THAT FRG RECOGNIZES SAG HAS EFFECTIVE CONTROL IN AREA. MOREOVER, ACCORDING VON ROTHENBURG, FRG CANNOT IGNORE INTERESTS OF 30,000 GERMAN NATIONALS IN NAMIBIA. HE SAYS FRG HAS LEGAL MEANS TO PROHIBIT TRADE IN SPECIFIC ITEMS FROM NAMIBIA BUT HAS NOT USED THESE POWERS.

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